

**Q.** [*Inaudible*]

**The President.** Yes, it is. At least, this is the first time I'll ever admit to doing a J-turn.

**Q.** Did you pull it off?

**The President.** Let me just say this: The Secret Service has got some of the best instructors in the world, and they took a fellow who hadn't been driving much and taught me the J-turn. It was a pretty exciting feeling.

**Q.** Looking forward to doing it in the pick-up, sir?

**The President.** There will be no J-turns in Crawford. [*Laughter*]

### ***Situation in the Middle East***

**Q.** There are critics who say that you're easing up on Israel and that your comments—

**The President.** I think what people need to do is to read my speech in the Rose Garden, where I laid out a vision for peace and called upon all parties to uphold their responsibilities. In order for there to be peace, leaders must lead, and people must be responsible. There is joint and shared responsibility for peace. Israelis have got responsibility; the Palestinian Authority has got responsibility; and the nations in the region have got responsibility. And if there is a sincere desire for peace—which I hope there is, and I certainly have—then my job is to continue to lay out that vision and to call upon people to achieve—to do that which is necessary to achieve the peace.

Listen, thank you all. I hope you have a great weekend.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:08 p.m. at the James J. Rowley Training Center. In his remarks, he referred to Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada; and ANWR, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest an-

nounced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### ***April 14***

In the afternoon, the President returned from Camp David, MD, to Washington, DC.

### ***April 15***

In the morning, the President met with the National Security Council. He also met with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Cedar Rapids, IA. Upon his arrival at the airport, he met with senior volunteer Maxine Phipps. Later in the afternoon, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences: L.D. Britt, William C. De La Pena, Vinicio E. Madrigal, and Linda J. Stierle.

### ***April 16***

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings. In the afternoon, he met with President Tarja Halonen of Finland in the Oval Office.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on April 25.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia to Washington on May 14.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation: Cesar Benito Cabrera (real estate representative), Michelle Engler (community interests representative), David James Gribbin III (public representative), William Dodd Powers (mortgage lending representative), and Catherine Lynne Stepp (homebuilding representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Bruce Growick, James R. Haring,

and Janice Tuck as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association: Victor Henderson Ashe (community interests representative), Molly Hering Bordonaro (real estate representative), William Robert Harvey (mortgage lending representative), Manuel J. Justiz (public representative), and Taylor C. Segue III (homebuilding representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Robert J. Cottrol, Timothy M. Hagle, and Allison H. Eid as members of the Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise.

The President announced his intention to appoint William Grayson as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellows.

#### ***April 17***

In the morning, the President traveled to Lexington, VA, and later returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, he met with Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri of Lebanon concerning the situation in the Middle East.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada to express his condolences over the friendly fire incident earlier in the day near Kandahar, Afghanistan, where four Canadian soldiers were killed by a bomb from a U.S. fighter jet.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark W. Everson to be Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget.

The President announced his intention to appoint Rebecca Lent as U.S. Commissioner of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.

#### ***April 18***

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he received notice that, in an apparent accident earlier in the morning,

a small plane had crashed into a high-rise building in Milan, Italy.

In the afternoon, he had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

#### ***April 19***

In the morning, the President traveled to Beltsville, MD. In the afternoon, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will host the U.S.-European Union Summit in Washington, DC, on May 2.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain and Mrs. Aznar to Camp David on May 3-4.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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#### ***Submitted April 15***

Marcos D. Jimenez, of Florida, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of 4 years, vice Thomas E. Scott, resigned.

#### ***Submitted April 16***

L. D. Britt, of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for the remainder of the term expiring May 1, 2005, vice John F. Potter.

William C. De La Pena, of California, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2007, vice Robert E. Anderson, term expired.